

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Corps of Engineers ID Number:

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

Ports of Indiana

150 W. Market Street, Ste. 100 Indianapolis, IN 46204

2. Agent:

Port of Indiana – Burns Harbor 150 W. Market Street, Ste. 100

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3. Project location:

Sections 19 and 30, Township 37 North, Range 6 West, Ogden Dunes USGS Quad.

West Arm of Burns Harbor

4. Affected waterbody:

Lake Michigan

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes to mechanically dredge approximately 25, 000 cubic yards of material from the West Arm of Burns Harbor. The material will be placed on a barge and disposed of into Lake Michigan approximately 1 mile north of Burns Harbor. It is also proposed to place 5,000 cubic yards of limestone adjacent to the dock wall in the dredging area. The purpose of the limestone is to stabilize the bottom and prevent erosion that could jeopardize the structural integrity of the wall. The overall purpose of the work is to maintain design depth for maritime vessels that utilize Burns Harbor breakwater.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Marty Maupin, Project Manager, by phone at 317-233-2471 or by e-mail at mmaupin@idem.in.gov. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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